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DD/DDR 832**

**USS HANSON SHIP'S  
REUNION**

Nashville, TN

Monday September 25 to Thursday 28, 2017

**Steering Committee**

The following crewmembers of the USS Hanson form a Steering Committee that assists and supports the Reunion Committee in the planning of the current reunion.

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| Roger Austin  | Jackson, GA     |
| Dennis McGill | Hawaii          |
| Bob Beiter    | Huron, OH       |
| Tom Givan     | Hannibal, MO    |
| Bob Grimm     | Amsterdam, NY   |
| Larry Nelson  | Plattsmouth, NE |
| Carl Pearson  | Pace, FL        |
| Doug Robe     | Blue Spring, MO |

**PLANNERS FOR THE  
NASHVILLE REUNION**

**Chairpersons**

Roger and Mary Ellen Austin

The Chairs wish to thank the steering committee for their efforts, as well as Mary Jane Matthews for her valued input. Our hope is to make this one of the most memorable reunions and look forward to seeing y'all in Nashville.



**Guest House Inn**

2420 Music Valley Dr., Nashville, TN  
(615) 885-4030

The Guest House Inn, a popular choice in Music City is less than 1 Mile from the Grand Ole Opry and in the middle of all the honky-tonking and fun. Complimentary Shuttle to the Opryland Complex and Airport is included. Free Continental Breakfast and Parking, as well as laundry facilities, Pool, and of course, a Cocktail Lounge

To make reservations, do not use a third party; call the hotel directly at 615-885-4030 and ask for the Hanson Reunion Block. If you need an airport shuttle, call the hotel and the shuttle runs every hour.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

- The Hotel Special Rate is \$104.25 per night total for Double or Single Occupancy. The Rate includes continental breakfast each morning. If you prefer a heartier breakfast, Cracker Barrel is across the street.
- Each room has an iron and ironing board, mini-fridge, Wi-Fi, coffee pot and other amenities.
- The special room prices are good three days before and after the reunion.
  - Reservations must be made by August 25, 2017.
  - You may cancel up to 24 hours in advance.
  - Wheelchair-accessible rooms are available.
    - Parking is free.
- There is a free shuttle to and from the airport that leaves the hotel every hour on the hour for the 15 minute trip. Call the hotel at 615-885-4030, and the front desk will tell you where in the airport to go to be retrieved.



## ATTRACTIONS ALONG MUSIC VALLEY DRIVE WALKING DISTANCE

- Live Music: Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater, Nashville Palace, Texas Troubadour. These nearby sites offer daily live music and Dinner Theater including an Elvis Show.
- Opry Backstage Grill: Light comfort food with Live Entertainment in the evenings.



## THE GRAND OLE OPRY

Nashville is the home of the Grand Ole Opry. Founded in 1925, The Opry House is the home of Nashville's weekly country music concert and the longest running radio program broadcasted by WSM. The Reunion has no scheduled evening activities on Tuesday night and the Opry will have a show that night. Call 615-871-6779 or visit [www.opry.com](http://www.opry.com) for tickets. Veteran Discounts available if you ask. To assure that you get tickets to the Opry, order them by June 1. The Opry was not made a part of our formal activities due to the logistics of planning that far ahead. Our Hotel offers shuttle service to the Opry; inquire at desk. Attending the Grand Ole Opry is a must for the Nashville Experience.

## USS Hanson Website

Our site contains information on over 400 former crew members and includes email addresses, mailing addresses, reunion information and other useful data. The site, [www.uss Hanson832.org](http://www.uss Hanson832.org) is maintained by our own Webmaster, Carl Pearson at [drlrac@gmail.com](mailto:drlrac@gmail.com)

## Banquet Raffle

You are encouraged to bring a gift to be used in the fund raising raffle to be held at the Banquet. This fun event is our major fund raiser of the year and your participation is appreciated. Some of the funds are used to subsidize the costs for future reunion activities.

## Special Reunion Activity

Private Nashville Trolley Tour: We have arranged a special opportunity for our group. We will be transported by trolley from the Hotel to the Ryman Theater, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. We will enjoy a guided tour of this historic facility. The acoustics in the Ryman are considered comparable to the Mormon Tabernacle.

**Ryman Theater:** The structure was the dream of a powerful, charismatic evangelist named Sam Jones. On May 10, 1885, a wealthy, rough hewn riverboat captain named Thomas Ryman heard Jones preach at a tent revival three blocks from the current site. Jones' words transformed Ryman's life. Ryman and Jones dreamed of creating a tabernacle as the religious gathering place for the city. Eventually, Nashvillians joined Ryman and Jones and their dream came true.

The citizens donated both time and money to complete the Union Gospel Tabernacle in 1892. The building was used in many different ways, until June 5, 1943 when it became the home of the Grand Ole Opry.

**Nashville Highlights Tour:** After the Ryman we will board the Trolley for a city tour. Sites include: Country Music Hall of Fame, Johnny Cash and Goo Goo Candy, Marathon Motor Works, Parthenon, Vanderbilt University, Belmont Mansion, Bobby's Idle Hour/Music Row, and The Gulch. We will be stopping at a couple of these sites and around Noon we will stop at the Nashville Farmers Market where you can explore the market and grab lunch on your own. This is not a traditional Farmer's Market, but rather an array of outdoor restaurants, snack shops, parlors, bars, etc. Lunch will be about an hour and then we will continue our Trolley Tour. Our tour will end at our hotel around 3:30 to allow adequate time for Grand Ole Opry or Dinner Theater Ticket Holders to rest and get ready for their evening.

## Membership Dues

Crew member dues are \$20.00 per year and are used to support the costs of preparation and distribution of Hanson material, and maintaining the Website.

## 2018 Reunion Destination

At our Newport, Rhode Island Business Meeting the members in attendance voted to select the site for our 2018 Reunion. The winning location was San Diego, California. More information is forthcoming in Nashville. At our Nashville Reunion we will be voting for the 2019 Location. Nominate your idea at the Nashville Business Meeting.





**Plan Of The Day (POD)**

**MONDAY, September 25:** Registration held in the Hospitality Room located on the second floor. You will receive your name tag and activity confirmation at registration. This room will be our meeting and social room with access 24 hours per day. You are encouraged to bring any Hanson related photos, information, cruise books and other items of interest for our fellow shipmates. Also, raffle items for the fund raiser will be displayed in this room. There will be various "refreshments" in the Hospitality Room. Monday has no scheduled events, just enjoy the evening.

**TUESDAY, September 26:** Assemble in the Hotel lobby by 8:45AM . Our transportation will depart at 9:00AM sharp. We will enjoy the guided tour of the Ryman Hall and then embark on our Private Trolley Tour. We will make a couple of stops and also stop at the Farmer's Market for lunch on your own. We anticipate returning to the Hotel by 3:30 PM. If you wish to see more of Nashville on Wednesday, for \$10 extra charge, Trolley participants will be able to use the jump on/jump off Trolley to see more of the city. Have an enjoyable evening on your own. Folks having Opry tickets should make arrangements for the free shuttle to the Opry complex with the hotel. Grimm, Larry Nelson and their faithful's will be stationed in the Hotel Bar...spending a while with them will be very informative.

**Wednesday, September, 27:** Morning/Afternoon Free. At 4:00PM there was be a business meeting in the Hospitality Room. All affairs of our Reunions, Finances and Goals will be discussed. All former crew members, their family and guests are encouraged to attend and participate in recommending cities and voting on the location for our 2019 Hanson Reunion. Meeting should be less than 30 minutes. This should give everyone plenty of time to freshen up for our banquet.

At 6:00PM our formal US Navy Memorial Service will be held in the Banquet Room (next to Hospitality Room) We have had too many that sailed on. Carl Pearson will officiate. Mary Ellen Austin will be responsible for the music. We ask that the Shipmates who have participated in prior ceremonies be available.

6:30 the Cash Bar Opens in the Banquet Room

7:00 Reunion Banquet: Pledge Of Allegiance led by first volunteer.

Invocation: Carl Pearson

Welcome: Roger and Mary Ellen Austin

Announcements: Recognize any new attendees, Acknowledgment of Supporters

Dinner

Raffle and Fellowship: Bob Grimm, Doug Robe

**Thursday, September 28:** Farewell time. Eat breakfast at the hotel or nearby restaurants and/or join us in the Hospitality Room. We'll have juice, coffee and pastry there. Safe journey home.....Tillie

**BANQUET AND TOUR COSTS – 2017 NASHVILLE REUNION  
ALL PRICES INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES AND GRATUITIES****(Please indicate the number attending each event)****Please mail check and form to Bob Beiter,  
717 Elizabeth Dr., Huron, OH, 44839**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Price per Person</b>	<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
Tuesday Trolley Tour	\$59		
Wednesday Night Banquet	\$32		
Annual Dues	\$20		
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>Name, Rank, Year on Board (For Name Tag)</b>			
<b>Spouse or Guest Name(s)</b>			
<b>Home: City, State</b>			

**See You In Nashville!!**